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SUBJECT: MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE REPORTER TO VISIT AFRICA

1. JOSEPH CHARLES RIGERT OF MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE PLANS TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA, ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5, ON REPORTING ASSIGNMENT TO LOOK AT SITUATION IN EACH COUNTRY FROM STANDPOINT OF PROBLEMS, CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS.

2. HE PLANS TO SPEND SEPTEMBER 5-13 IN SOUTH AFRICA, WITH INITIAL STOP IN JOHANNESBURG (RANDS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL). FROM SEPTEMBER 13-20, HE WILL BE IN LUSAKA (INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL), AND IN MAPUTO FOLLOWING WEEK.

3. FOR SOUTH AFRICAN POSTS: RIGERT APPLIED FOR SOUTH AFRICAN VISA IN WASHINGTON, BUT TOLD THAT APPLICATION REFERRED TO SAG. DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF VISA OR TURNDOWN WOULD KILL RIGERT'S TRIP PLANS. EMBASSY ASKED TO CHECK WITH SAG
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RE STATUS OF RIGERT VISA APPLICATION, WHICH WAS MADE TWO

WEEKS AGO.

4. FOR MAPUTO: RIGERT CABLED FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY
JULY 26 REQUESTING VISA AND SUBMITTING PERTINENT DATA.

FORM AND FIVE DOLLARS AND SIXTY ONE CENTS EXTENSION FEE
AIRMAILED TO MAPUTO. SUBSTANCE OF EMBASSY'S 921 READ TO
RIGERT, AND IN VIEW OF LOBO'S ABSENCE FROM NEW YORK, HE
REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ASCERTAINING STATUS OF
APPLICATION. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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